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SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: MORE ON DRA AND SOVIET  
CONDOLENCE PERFORMANCE

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1. SINCE I SENT REFTEL YESTERDAY, I WOULD LIKE TO FINISH THE  
STORY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE IN EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES  
ON AMBASSADOR DUBS DEATH AND ALSO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SOVIETS'  
ACTIONS.

2. AS I REPORTED YESTERDAY, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER DOST (ON ONE  
HALF HOUR'S NOTICE) ASKED TO CALL ON ME AT THE EMBASSY AT 1200  
HOURS. HE DID SO TOGETHER WITH FIVE MEMBERS OF THE PROTOCOL SECTION  
STAFF PLUS PHOTOGRAPHER. 4. DOST BROUGHT WITH HIM A LARGE WREATH  
AND IN THE AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE, PRESENTED IT TO ME. IN A VERY  
GRACIOUS SPEECH, HE REPEATED THE CONDOLENCES OF HIS GOVERNMENT,  
MOST OF WHICH HAD EARLIER BEEN SENT TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND  
SECRETARY VANCE. FOLLOWING THIS, HE WENT DOWNSTAIRS AND SIGNED  
OUR CONDOLENCE BOOK. DURING BOTH CEREMONIES MANY PICTURES WERE  
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3. SEVERAL HOURS LATER, WHEN THE PRESIDENT'S AIRCRAFT TOUCHED DOWN, FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL OFFICE, HEADED BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WERE PRESENT TO WELCOME THE PARTY. STILL LATER, AT 1800 HOURS, AT THE MOVING MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, SOME OF THESE SAME PROTOCOL OFFICERS TOGETHER WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE, MR. SHAMREIZ, ATTENDED.

4. LASTLY, AT THE DEPARTURE SCENE AT THE AIRPORT A FEW MINUTES AGO, REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENT WAS ONE MINISTER, BAREQ SHAFIEE (CULTURE AND INFORMATION AND NOT A MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO) THE TWO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS, DOST AND MOKAMEL, AND OTHER SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THE MINISTER WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO REPEAT TO MRS. DUBS THE CONDOLENCES OF HIS GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT TARAKI.

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6. COMMENT: THE DRA, IN TERMS OF FACILITATING AIRPORT, ESCORT POLICE AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS, COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE HELPFUL. A HOST OF RED TAPE FORMALITIES WERE WAIVED. FOR THIS WE HAVE BEEN MOST GRATEFUL.

7. THE LEVEL OF DRA REPRESENTATION AT THE AIRPORT, IN MY JUDGMENT, ONLY MET MINIMAL PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS. THEY PROBABLY DETERMINED THIS WAS SUITABLE FOR THE STATE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. I SAY THIS BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY WITH THE DRA AT NATIONAL DAY RECEPTIONS TO SEND JUST ONE MINISTER, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

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AT OUR JULY 4 RECEPTION THERE WERE ABOUT FOUR PRESENT, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN. HAD THE SOVIET, CUBAN OR SOME EASTERN EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR DIED, I HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT BUT MANY MEMBERS OF THE POLITBURO, INCLUDING CERTAINLY FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN, WOULD HAVE MADE A POINT OF BEING PRESENT.  
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